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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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FOR BRADSHAW FROM SCHMIDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RIBICOFF VISIT. BILL LUERS TALKED TO RIBICOFF YESTERDAY ABOUT HIS PLANS TO LEAD A DELEGATION OF SENATORS TO THE SOVIET UNION SOMETIME BETWEEN ELECTION DAY AND THANKSGIVING. BILL LEARNED THAT THE SENATOR HAS NO INTEREST IN GOING TO POLAND AT THAT TIME. THUS YOU CAN SCRATCH THAT POSSIBILITY FROM YOUR LIST FOR NOVEMBER.

2. WE HAVE PASSED ON TO NICK ANDREWS YOUR FAREWELL MESSAGE AND HE WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE.

3. LUERS DEPARTURE. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT IS RAPIDLY BECOMING AN "OPEN SECRET" HERE: BILL LUERS WILL BE LEAVING US TO BECOME AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA. THE TIMING IS NOT DEFINITE YET, BUT IT LOOKS NOW AS IF HE WILL BE LEAVING THE CONFIDENTIAL

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US EARLY NEXT MONTH. BILL WILL BE SENDING A MESSAGE TO ALL OUR POSTS SOON.

4. WEATHER INFORMATION. DURING HIS MEETING WITH BILL LUERS LAST WEEK, SPASOWSKI ASKED BILL WHETHER THE US NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE COULD PROVIDE POLAND WITH ITS PREDICTION OF

POLISH WEATHER FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. NWS BRIEFED DUCHOWSKI AND MAJEWSKI ON AUGUST 3. DUCHOWSKI TOLD US HE WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THE BRIEFING AND HAD ARRANGED FOR ANOTHER UPDATE AFTER MID-AUGUST. UNFORTUNATELY THE FORECAST IS FOR RAINY, COLD WEATHER. DUCHOWSKI COMMENTED JOKINGLY THAT WYSZYNSKI SHOULD IMPROVE THE RESULTS OF HIS INTERCESSIONS WITH THE ALMIGHTY OR FACE A WORSENING OF CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS.

5. FISHING ALLOCATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER CALLING THE POLES' ATTENTION TO THE MID-YEAR ATLANTIC FISH ALLOCATIONS ONCE THEY HAVE BECOME FINAL (SEE STATE 164121). YOU WILL RECALL THAT WOJTASZEK DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH THE SECRETARY DURING THE CARTER VISIT. SINCE THEN WE HAVE TRIED TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON OES TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE POLES. FYI ONLY: OUR SOURCES IN OES TELL US THE POLES MAY GET A SUBSTANTIAL REALLOCATION OF ALASKAN POLLOCK WHEN THE PACIFIC REALLOCATIONS ARE COMPLETED. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE POLES TO GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PROJECT WITH MRS. PAUL'S KITCHENS. END FYI. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS THE ALLOCATIONS ARE FINAL.

6. RE YOUR QUESTION, WE USED THE TERM "BOOK ITEM" TO REFER TO AN INR BRIEFING ITEM THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARY'S DAILY BRIEFING MATERIAL.
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7. KOSCIUSZKO STATUE TO DETROIT. I CALLED NEDZI IN RESPONSE TO YOUR THOUGHT (O-I WARSAW 6662) AND WAS TOLD BY HIM THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE DEDICATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13. HE INTENDS TO BE THERE THEN. (ICA IS NOW CHECKING WITH THE DETROIT MAYOR'S OFFICE TO VERIFY THE DATE). INCIDENTALLY, ICA'S CABLE (USICA 19431) ON THIS, WHICH WE HAVE NOW SEEN, IS A BIT IMPRECISE. WE CAN ONLY "PROVIDE APPROPRIATE COUTESIES", NAMELY, SPECIAL TREATMENT BY CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION AT THE AIRPORT, IF WE KNOW THE PRECISE DATE AND TIME AND ARRIVAL FLIGHT OF THE POLISH DELEGATION. PLEASE DO ADVISE US OF THESE DETAILS ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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